

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0070**

AUTHORIZING WORK TO BEGIN ON STAFF'S RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE  
POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TOXICS STANDARDS FOR INLAND SURFACE  
WATERS, ENCLOSED BAYS, AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA (SIP)

WHEREAS:

1. In March 2000, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted the SIP, which implements criteria for priority toxic pollutants contained in the California Toxics Rule promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as well as other priority toxic pollutant criteria and objectives.
2. Section 303 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) mandates that water quality standards be reviewed and revised, as necessary, at least once every three years. As part of the standards development program, the SWRCB periodically reviews its policies.
3. In October 2002, the SWRCB solicited comments on potential revisions to the SIP. A letter was sent to 1,801 individuals throughout the State to request input on any potential revisions.
4. In late December 2002, approximately 313 comments were received from 26 individuals and organizations.
5. SWRCB staff reviewed, carefully considered, and responded to all comments received.
6. SWRCB staff prepared an August 2003 report that contains recommendations for revisions to the SIP. Staff's recommended revisions are those that will improve the SIP's clarity and functionality and that are able to be made in a reasonable amount of time with existing resources. The Staff Report also provides a list of subjects in need of further evaluation and a list of topics that are best addressed through mechanisms external to the SIP.
7. The SWRCB has notified interested parties of its recommended SIP revisions and provided an additional 30-day comment period.
8. The SWRCB held a public workshop on September 30, 2003 regarding the recommended revisions to the SIP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Authorizes SWRCB staff to begin revisions on the SIP to modify narrative toxicity control provisions.

2. Authorizes SWRCB staff to begin revisions on the SIP to allow water effects ratios to be developed in individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits rather than in Basin Plans as currently required.
3. Authorizes SWRCB staff to begin revisions on the SIP to eliminate the reasonable potential trigger for situations where ambient background pollutant concentrations are equal to or greater than a priority pollutant objective or criterion.
4. Authorizes SWRCB staff to begin revisions on the SIP to make minor language corrections.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 15, 2003.

  
Debbie Irvin  
Clerk to the Board